GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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EXPRESS TRAINS ON VARIOUS ROUTES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rajdhani Express trains running on profit/loss;

(b) whether the Government evaluated the profit and losses on account of operation of these trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to run these trains on profit earning routes only; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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(a) to (c): Train wise figures of profitability, earnings and expenditure are not maintained. However, on overall basis, Railways are making losses on passenger operations including other coaching services. The losses incurred on this account during last three years are as under.

Year	Losses (Rs. in crores)
1998-99	4165.50
1999-2000	4582.71
2000-01	4875.54

Constant efforts are made to cut down expenditure. Some rationalisation of passenger fares have been proposed in the current budget.

(d) and (e): Rajdhani Express trains are only run between State Capitals and the National Capital where a Raillink is available. There is a demand for fast, high quality service between these points. 17 pairs of Rajdhani Express trains are running at present.